



SUBJECT:

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. NO ITEM MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED.

Minutes:

CHAIR GOODMAN indicated that MEMBER ROSS requested that the Desert Skye Pipe Band play a tune in honor of Tartan Day.

KATHERINE DUNCAN stated that the current Employment Plan has failed the community. The new policy does not address how those people who did not get jobs from Redevelopment Agency projects in the past will get compensated. Senate Bill 360 is also addressing the same issue and the new Employment Plan needs to mirror State law. Instead of lowering the bar to 15 percent, the goal should be to try to achieve the 51 percent as per the original employment plan. She asked how the people who live in the RDA can be trained to get these jobs. This area has a 15 percent high school dropout rate, the highest area prison population rate and the highest unemployment rate. If training is not provided for residents, the developers can say that no one is qualified to do the job. The Plan has no teeth. The Plan will give developers extra money for performing what they are supposed to do and they have to be held accountable.

JUANITA CLARK, Charleston Neighborhood Preservation, asked that the Board continue to ask questions on behalf of the community, and she verified there will be no increase in staff to monitor the new Employment Policy.

TODD FARLOW, Las Vegas resident, stated that the bank situations should be addressed.

DAVID JACKSON thanked the Board for building a place for musicians in the downtown area. People do not realize the commitment, progress and developments created by the RDA, as well as the implementing and meeting of realistic goals.